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# SONIC

## THE HEDGEHOG

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**F**OR THOSE OF YOU JUST JOINING US, PRINCESS SALLY HAS JUST WED ANTOINE D'COOLETTE...

YOU MAY NOW KISS THE BRIDE!

AND FOR THOSE OF YOU STILL STUNNED BY THE TURN OF EVENTS DEPICTED LAST ISSUE, WE DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE HAPPY COUPLE...

I FEEL AWFUL!

THIS IS NOT THE WEDDING DAY I ALWAYS IMAGINED!

SACRE BLEU! I AM JUST A STEP AWAY FROM BECOMING LE KING!

IT WON'T BE MUCH LONGER--

--BEFORE KING ACORN LIES DEAD, ENABLING ME TO SEIZE LE CROWN!

SMILE FOR THE CAMERAS, MY QUEEN!

OUR SUBJECTS EXPECT OUR BEST!

THE THINGS ONE DOES IN THE NAME OF DUTY!

EXACTLY!



BUT WHAT OF  
**SONIC**  
THE HEDGEHOG

DOES HE NO LONGER CARE FOR THE FAIR SALLY? HAVE THE TWO GROWN THAT FAR APART?

IN A WORD, NO.

FOR IF THE PRINCESS OF ACORN COULD SEE HER TRUE BELOVED, SHE WOULD FIND HIM MEETING WITH THE ONE BEING CAPABLE OF ALTERING THE COURSE OF EVENTS...

--AND SO I CAME TO YOU--

--TO--TO ASK--

--IF YOU CAN SAVE SALLY FROM MAKING THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF HER LIFE!

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**LINE OF SUCCESSION**  
Part 2

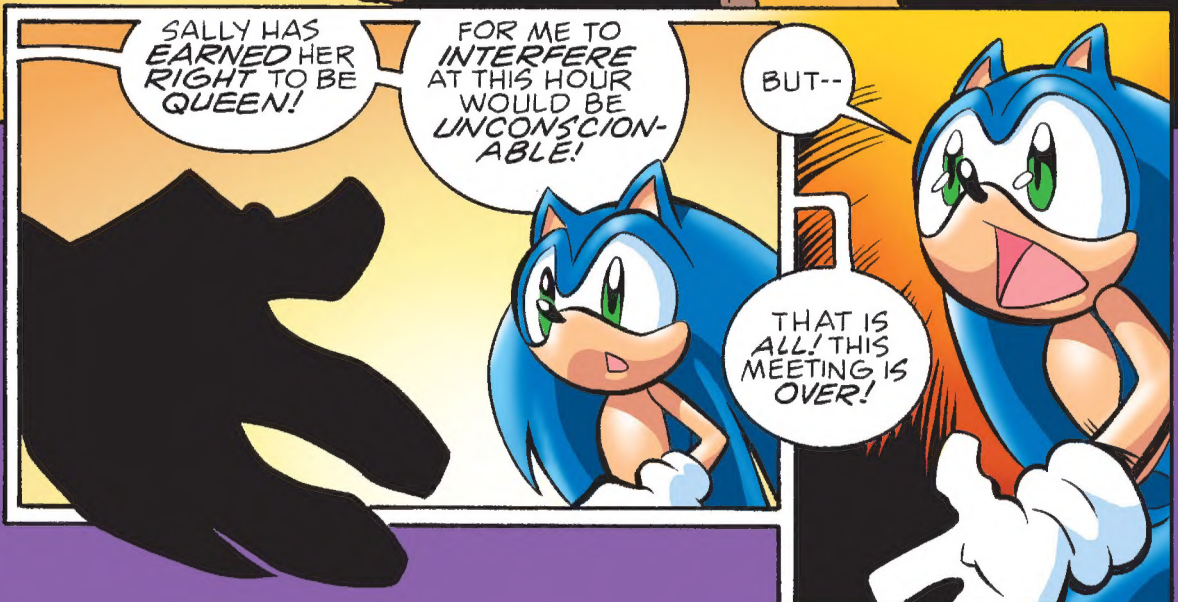
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SALLY HAS EARNED HER RIGHT TO BE QUEEN!

FOR ME TO INTERFERE AT THIS HOUR WOULD BE UNCONSCIONABLE!

BUT--

THAT IS ALL! THIS MEETING IS OVER!





AND SO...

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER!

BEATS ME WHY KNUX THINKS THIS JERK IS SUCH A STAND-UP GUY--

--WHEN ALL I SEE IS A BIG WUSS!

WASN'T IT THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CEREMONY, IRVING?

THAT IT WAS, SARAH!

"CEREMONY" WAS"???

AM I TOO LATE?!

EXCUSE ME, BUT WHERE'S THE WEDDING TAKING PLACE?!

OH, YOU JUST MISSED IT!

THE COUPLE AND ALL THE GUESTS ARE NOW AT THE BANQUET HALL!

THANKS!

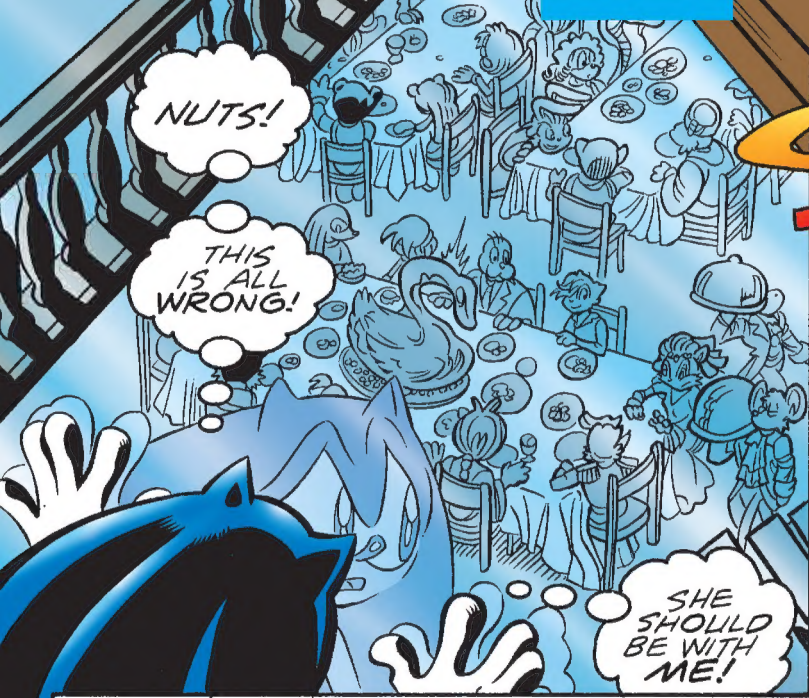
GOTTA JUICE...!

WEREN'T HE AND THE PRINCESS AN ITEM AT ONE TIME?

WHAT I DON'T GET IS--WHY NOW?!

AND IF I HAD STAYED AT HER SIDE, WOULD WE BE DOING THE SAME?!

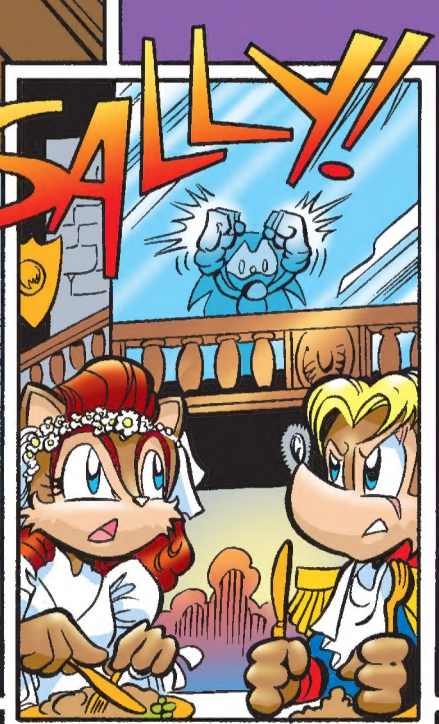




NUTS!

THIS IS ALL WRONG!

SHE SHOULD BE WITH ME!

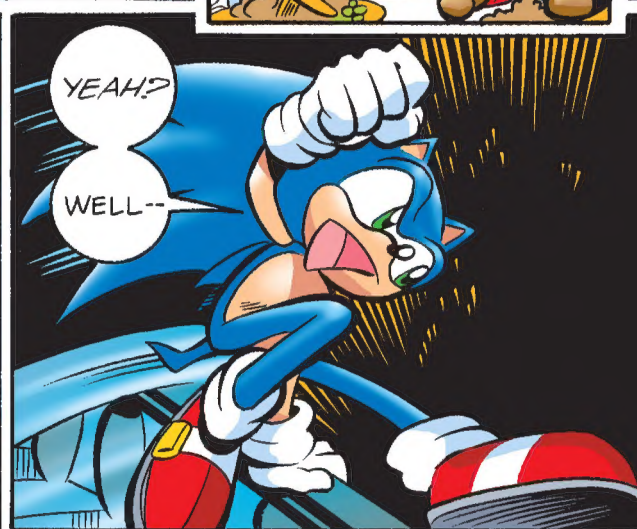


# SALLY!



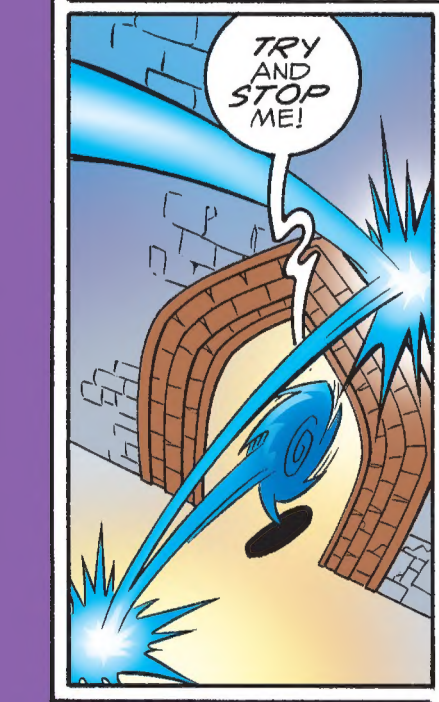
GET OUT OF MY WAY!

I'M SORRY, SONIC, BUT THE COMMANDER LEFT ORDERS IN CASE YOU CRASHED THE PARTY!

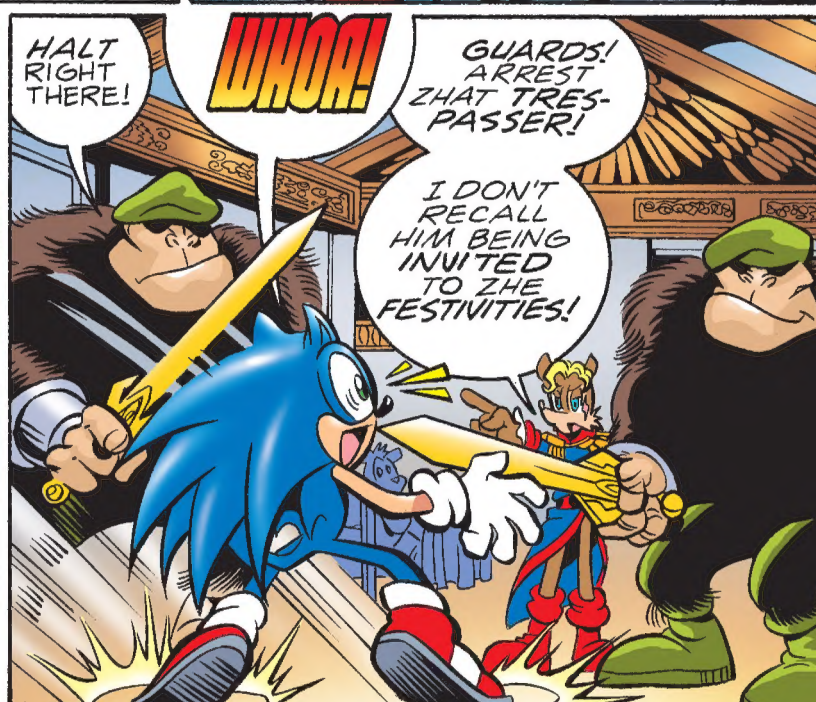


YEAH?

WELL--



TRY AND STOP ME!



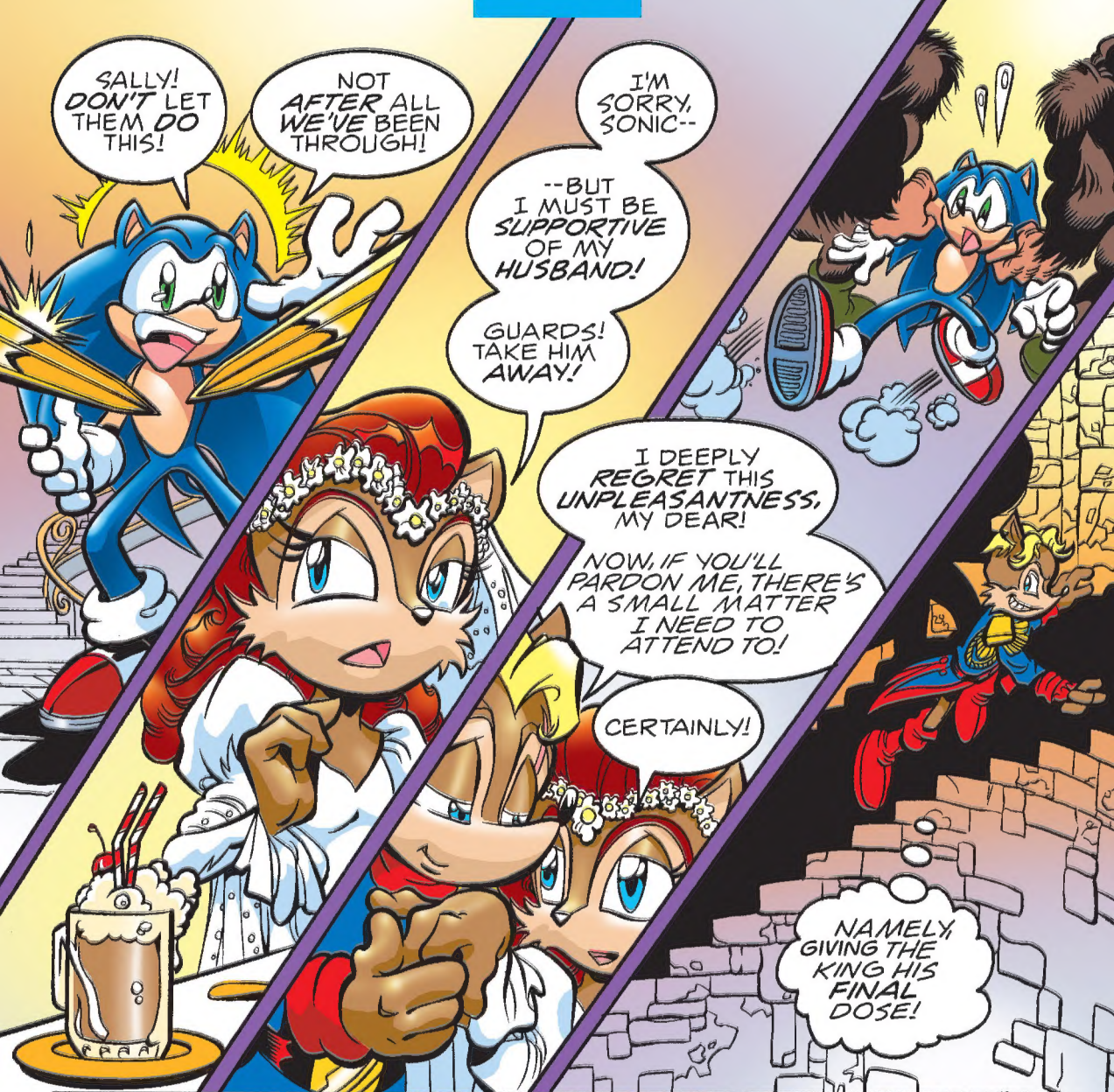
HALT RIGHT THERE!

# WHOR!

GUARDS! ARREST ZHAT TRES-PASSER!

I DON'T RECALL HIM BEING INVITED TO ZHE FESTIVITIES!





SALLY!  
DON'T LET  
THEM DO  
THIS!

NOT  
AFTER ALL  
WE'VE BEEN  
THROUGH!

I'M  
SORRY,  
SONIC--

--BUT  
I MUST BE  
SUPPORTIVE  
OF MY  
HUSBAND!

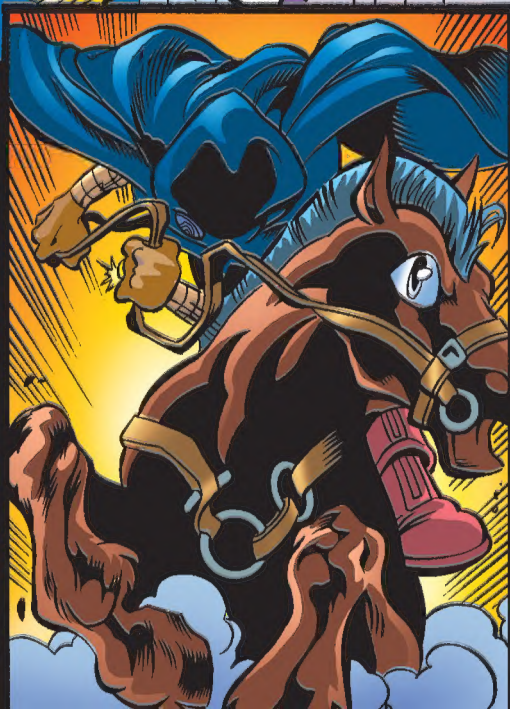
GUARDS!  
TAKE HIM  
AWAY!

I DEEPLY  
REGRET THIS  
UNPLEASANTNESS,  
MY DEAR!

NOW, IF YOU'LL  
PARDON ME, THERE'S  
A SMALL MATTER  
I NEED TO  
ATTEND TO!

CERTAINLY!

NAMELY,  
GIVING THE  
KING HIS  
FINAL  
DOSE!







HALT!  
ONLY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ARE ALLOWED BEYOND THIS POINT!

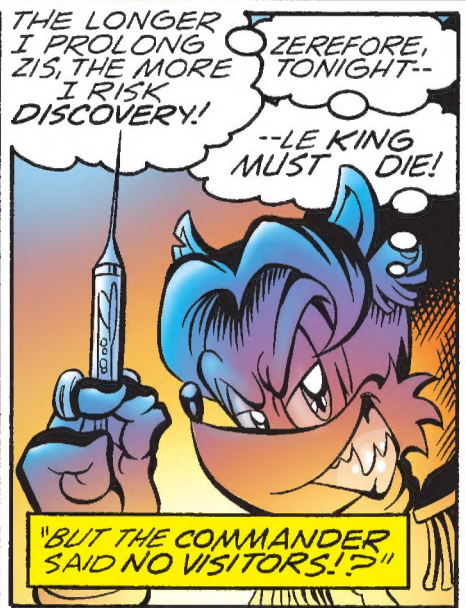
I BELIEVE MY CREDENTIALS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?



UH...ER...YES, ABSOLUTELY, YOUR--



"NOW... COULD SOMEONE PLEASE EXPLAIN TO ME WHY ALL THIS SECURITY ON THIS MOST FESTIVE OF OCCASIONS?"



THE LONGER I PROLONG THIS, THE MORE I RISK DISCOVERY!

THEREFORE, TONIGHT--  
--LE KING MUST DIE!

"BUT THE COMMANDER SAID NO VISITORS!?"



AND SINCE WHEN DOES A COMMANDER OUTRANK A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY?

OPEN THE CELL DOOR AT ONCE!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!



PRINCE ELIAS!!!

BUT HOW--?







OR MORE TO THE POINT--

--WHY?

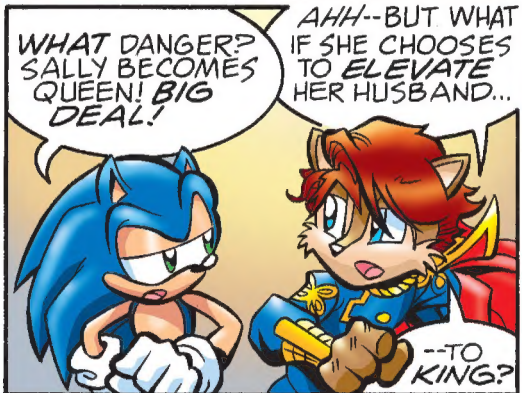
I THOUGHT YOU SAID THERE WASN'T ANY REASON FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED!



I THOUGHT SO, TOO--

--BUT AS MY WIFE MEG POINTED OUT, THESE ARE DANGEROUS TIMES!

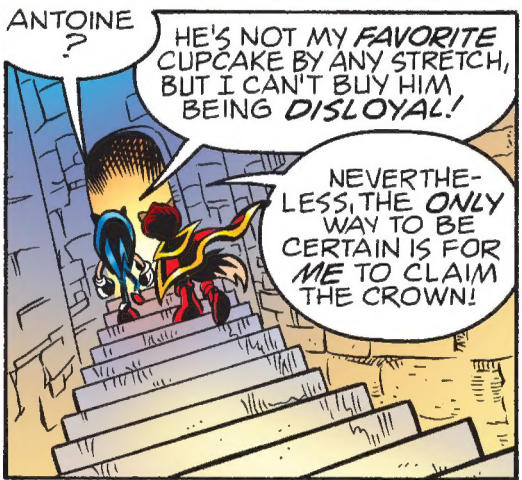
AND NOTHING IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE TRANSFERENCE OF POWER!



WHAT DANGER? SALLY BECOMES QUEEN! BIG DEAL!

AHH--BUT WHAT IF SHE CHOOSES TO ELEVATE HER HUSBAND...

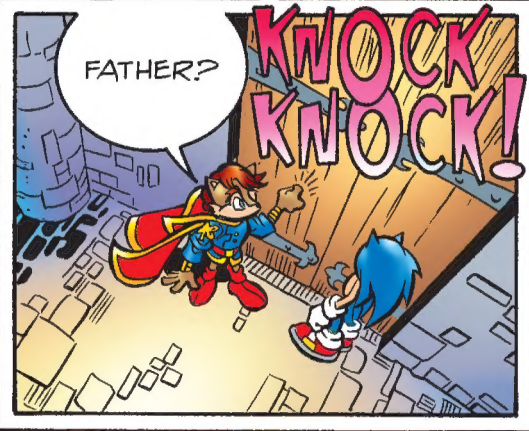
--TO KING?



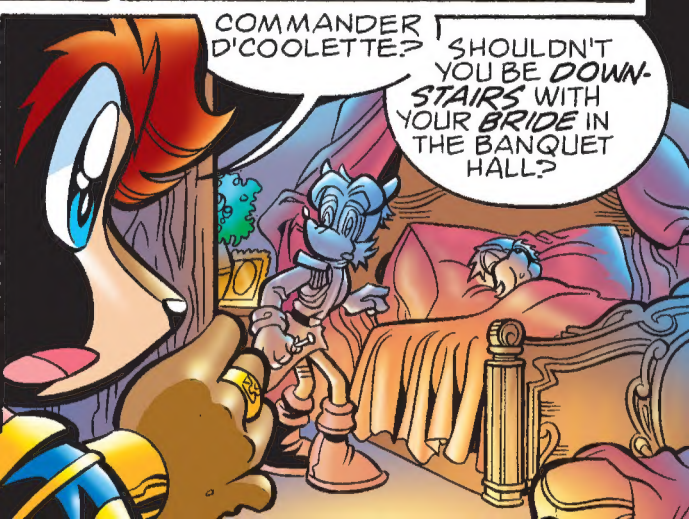
ANTOINE?

HE'S NOT MY FAVORITE CUPCAKE BY ANY STRETCH, BUT I CAN'T BUY HIM BEING DISLOYAL!

NEVERTHELESS, THE ONLY WAY TO BE CERTAIN IS FOR ME TO CLAIM THE CROWN!



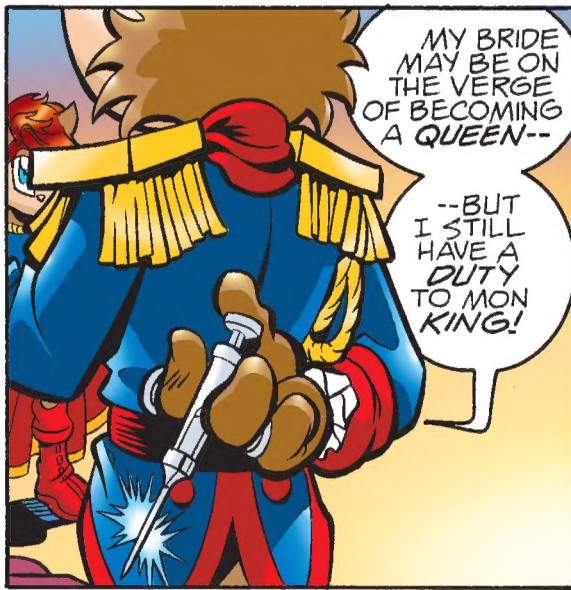
FATHER? KNOCK KNOCK!



COMMANDER D'COOLETTE?

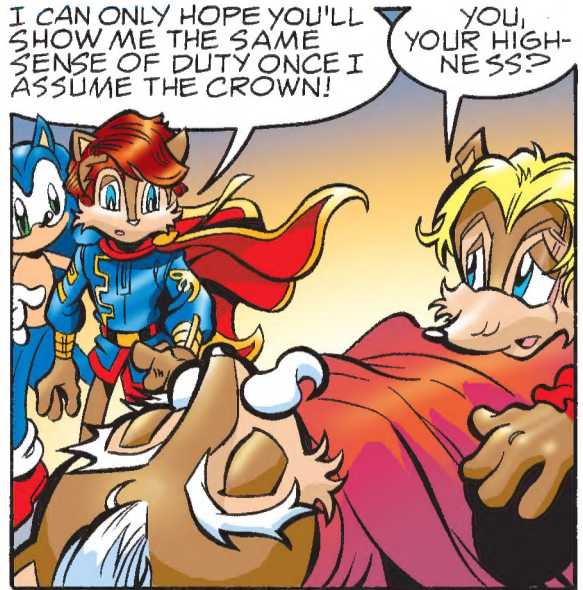
SHOULDN'T YOU BE DOWNSTAIRS WITH YOUR BRIDE IN THE BANQUET HALL?





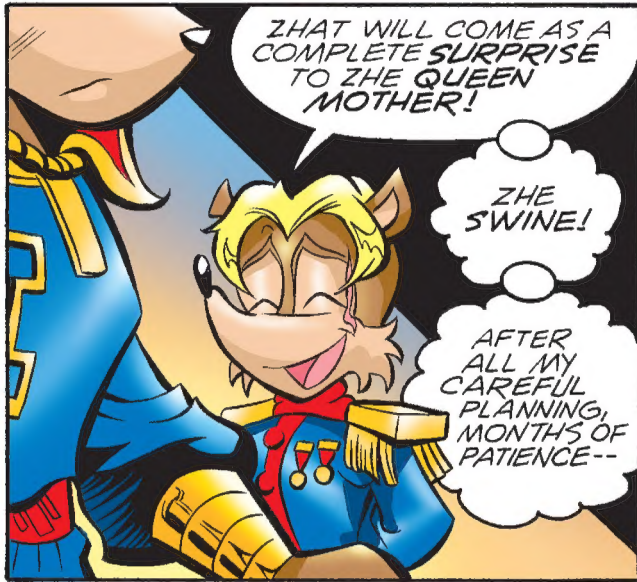
MY BRIDE MAY BE ON THE VERGE OF BECOMING A QUEEN--

--BUT I STILL HAVE A DUTY TO MON KING!



I CAN ONLY HOPE YOU'LL SHOW ME THE SAME SENSE OF DUTY ONCE I ASSUME THE CROWN!

YOU, YOUR HIGH-NE SS?



ZHAT WILL COME AS A COMPLETE SURPRISE TO ZHE QUEEN MOTHER!

ZHE SWINE!

AFTER ALL MY CAREFUL PLANNING, MONTHS OF PATIENCE--



--ALL FOR NAUGHT BECAUSE ZIS PEEG OF A SON DECIDES HE'S NOW A MAN?!

MON DIEU! NOT IN ZIS LIFE-TIME!



LE KING CAN WAIT!

ZIS BLEMISH ON MOBILUS MUST BE DEALT WITH FIRST!



I'M GOING NOW TO REJOIN YOUR SISTER AND MOTHER!

WOULD ZHE BOTH OF YOU CARE TO JOIN ME?



BEFORE LONG,  
BACK AT THE  
BANQUET HALL...

ONCE MY  
NEW HUSBAND  
REJOINS US--

--WE CAN  
COMMENCE  
WITH THE  
CORONATION!

NOT  
SO FAST!

AS FIRST-BORN,  
I ASSERT MY  
RIGHT TO THE  
CROWN!

NO  
REACTION  
FROM  
ANTOINE!

EITHER HE'S THE  
COOLEST CUSTOMER  
OR ELSE ELIAS IS  
BARKING UP THE  
WRONG TREE!

YOU REALIZE, OF  
COURSE, THAT YOUR  
STEP-CHILD IS  
INELIGIBLE IN THE  
LINE OF SUCCESSION,  
ELIAS!

ONLY THE BLOOD  
ROYALE MAY SIT  
ON THE THRONE!

MY SON, YOU HAVE NO  
IDEA HOW MUCH I'VE  
LONGED FOR YOU  
TO TAKE YOUR RIGHT-  
FUL PLACE!

ARE YOU *SURE*  
YOU WANT  
TO DO THIS,  
ELIAS?

I ABANDONED  
THE CROWN  
BECAUSE OF  
LOVE--

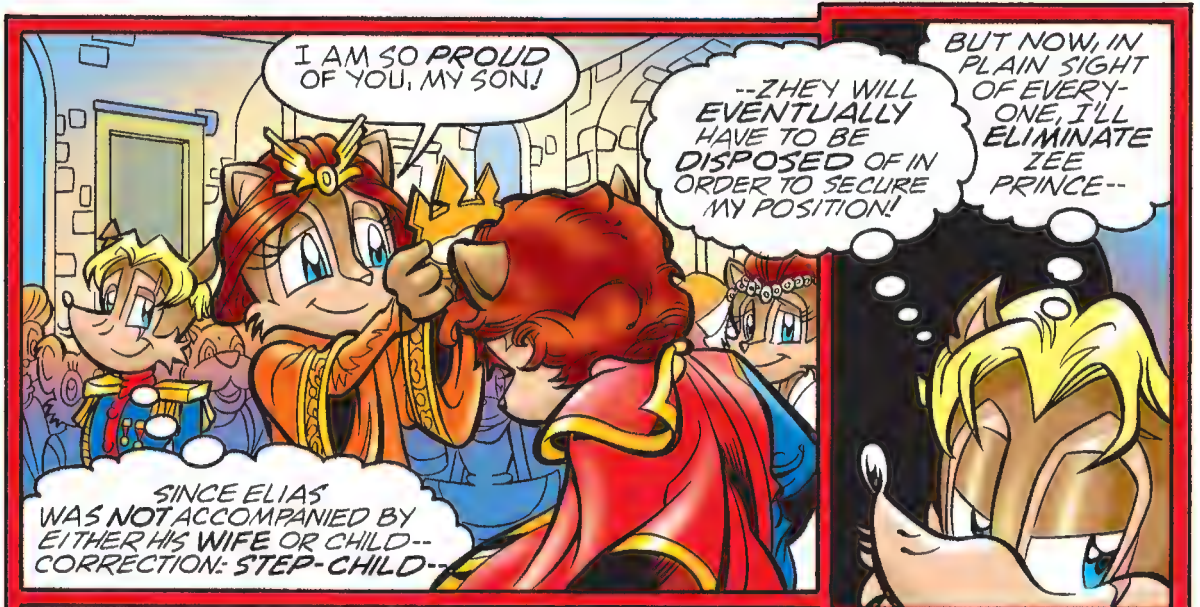
AND NOW IT'S  
BECAUSE OF  
LOVE--

--THAT  
I MUST  
ACCEPT  
IT!

KNEEL AS A  
PRINCE, ELIAS,  
HEIR TO THE  
THRONE ACORN!

AND ARISE  
KING ELIAS,  
SOVEREIGN  
OF ACORN!



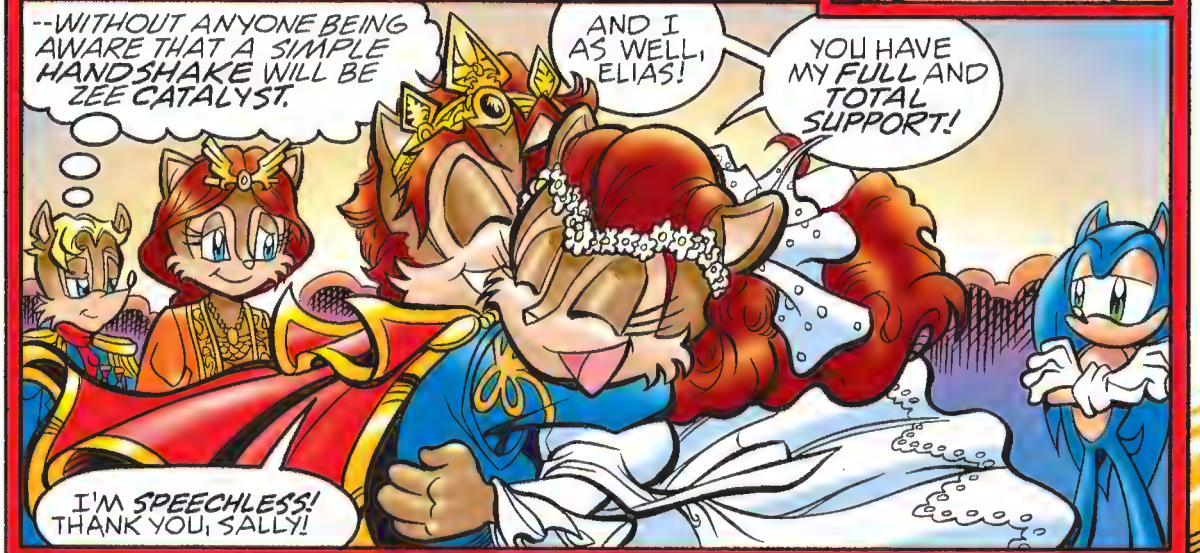


I AM SO PROUD OF YOU, MY SON!

--THEY WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE TO BE DISPOSED OF IN ORDER TO SECURE MY POSITION!

BUT NOW, IN PLAIN SIGHT OF EVERYONE, I'LL ELIMINATE ZEE PRINCE--

SINCE ELIAS WAS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY EITHER HIS WIFE OR CHILD-- CORRECTION: STEP-CHILD--

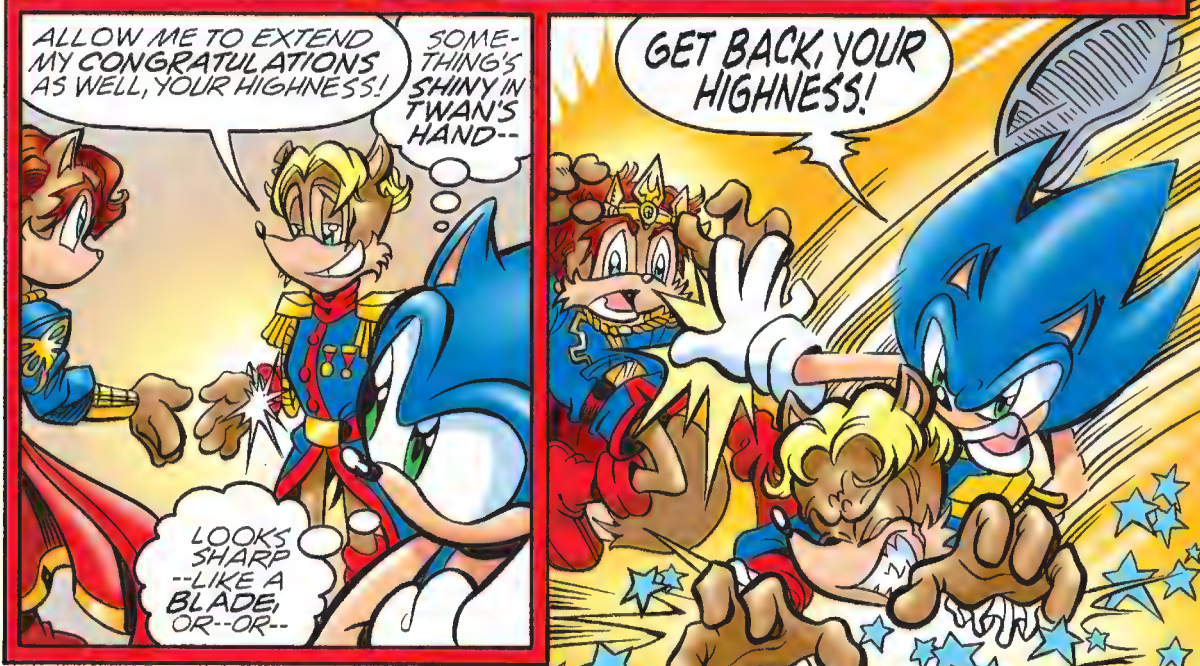


--WITHOUT ANYONE BEING AWARE THAT A SIMPLE HANDSHAKE WILL BE ZEE CATALYST.

AND I AS WELL, ELIAS!

YOU HAVE MY FULL AND TOTAL SUPPORT!

I'M SPEECHLESS! THANK YOU, SALLY!



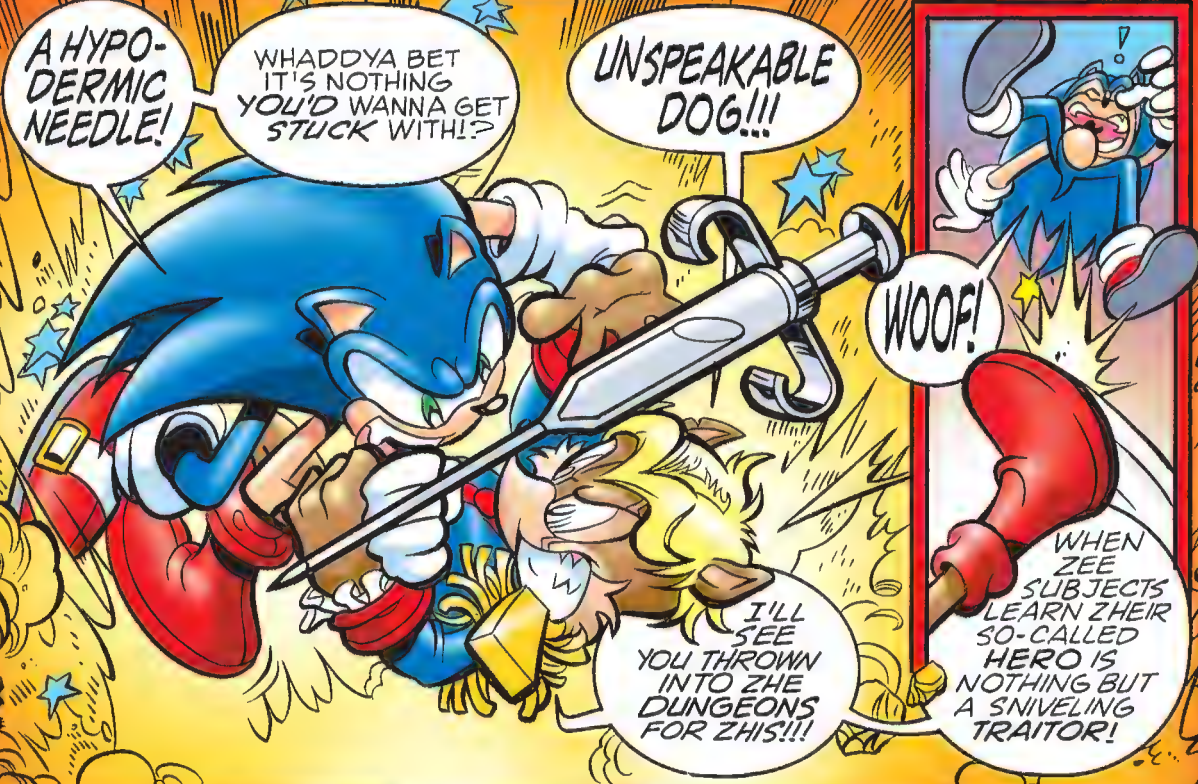
ALLOW ME TO EXTEND MY CONGRATULATIONS AS WELL, YOUR HIGHNESS!

SOME-THING'S SHINY IN TWAN'S HAND--

GET BACK, YOUR HIGHNESS!

LOOKS SHARP --LIKE A BLADE, OR--OR--





A HYPO-  
DERMIC  
NEEDLE!

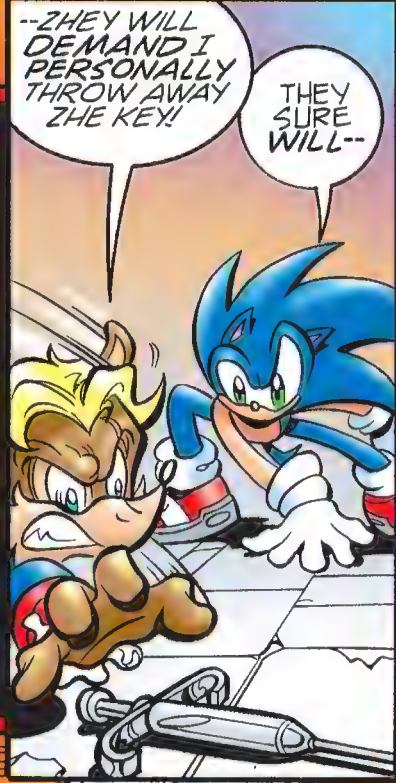
WHADDYA BET  
IT'S NOTHING  
YOU'D WANNA GET  
STUCK WITH!?

UNSPEAKABLE  
DOG!!!

WOOF!

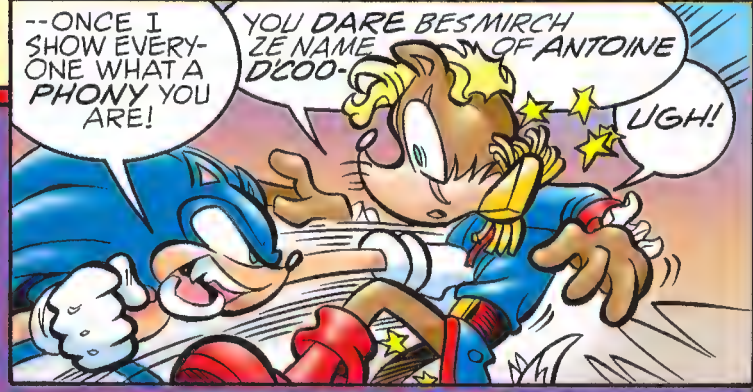
I'LL  
SEE  
YOU THROWN  
INTO ZHE  
DUNGEONS  
FOR ZHIS!!!

WHEN  
ZEE  
SUBJECTS  
LEARN ZHEIR  
SO-CALLED  
HERO IS  
NOTHING BUT  
A SNIVELING  
TRAITOR!



--ZHEY WILL  
DEMAND I  
PERSONALLY  
THROW AWAY  
ZHE KEY!

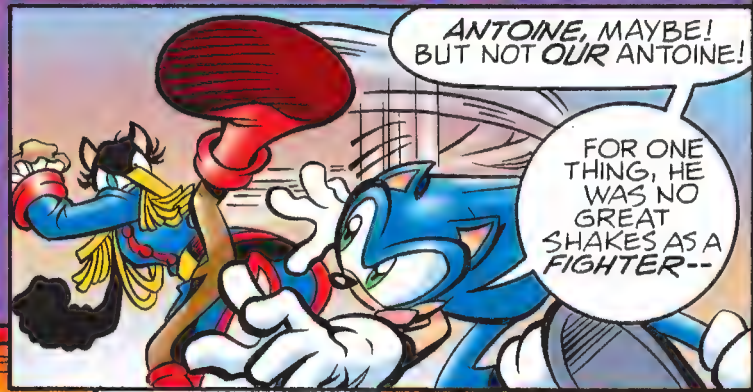
THEY  
SURE  
WILL--



--ONCE I  
SHOW EVERY-  
ONE WHAT A  
PHONY YOU  
ARE!

YOU DARE BESMIRCH  
ZE NAME  
D'COO-  
OF ANTOINE

UGH!

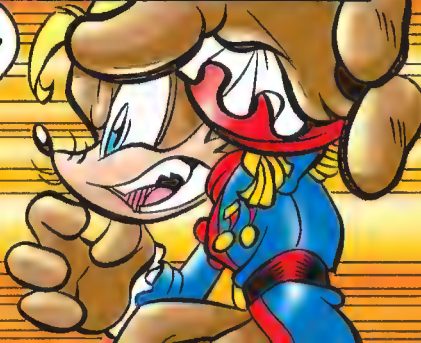
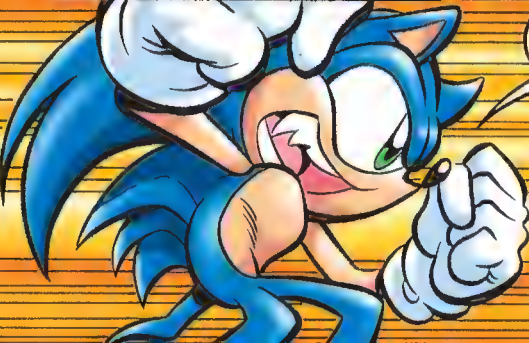


ANTOINE, MAYBE!  
BUT NOT OUR ANTOINE!

FOR ONE  
THING, HE  
WAS NO  
GREAT  
SHAKES AS A  
FIGHTER--

--AND HE TOTALLY  
LACKED A KILLER  
INSTINCT!

BUT  
Y'KNOW WHAT  
THE REAL  
CLINCHER  
WAS?





WHEN NO ONE--  
NOT EVEN BUNNIE--  
COULD EXPLAIN  
HOW YOU GOT  
THAT SCAR!

ONCE  
I ADDED  
TWO PLUS  
TWO--

--IT ONLY  
EQUALED  
ONE THING!...  
YOU'RE EVIL  
ANTOINE!

SO I'M  
TAKING YOU BACK  
WHERE YOU  
BELONG!

I'M  
SURE YOU  
RECOGNIZE  
THIS DOO-  
DAD!\*

\*INDEED,  
ANTOINE SHOULD,  
AS REVEALED IN  
SONIC # 150.

BEFORE  
LONG, ON  
ANOTHER  
MOBIUS IN  
ANOTHER  
ZONE...

PSST!  
HEY,  
TWAN!

YOU'RE  
GOING  
HOME!

LET'S JUST SAY  
OUR FRIEND  
ISN'T THE  
COYOTE  
YOU ARE!

THIS  
ISN'T A  
DREAM?  
WE CAN  
REALLY...

YO,  
WAKE  
UP!

OH, SONIC--  
YOU ARE TRULY  
MON AMI!

BUT HOW DID  
YOU LEARN OF MY  
PREDICAMENT?!

...GET  
BACK?!

WITH THIS SPIFFY  
ZONE-LINK  
GENERATOR,  
I CERTAINLY  
HOPE SO!

BESIDES--

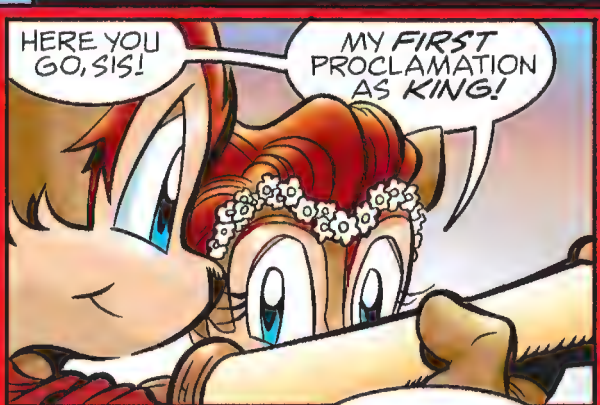


"--IT'S TIME THE GOOD GUYS HAD A HAPPY ENDING FOR A CHANGE!"

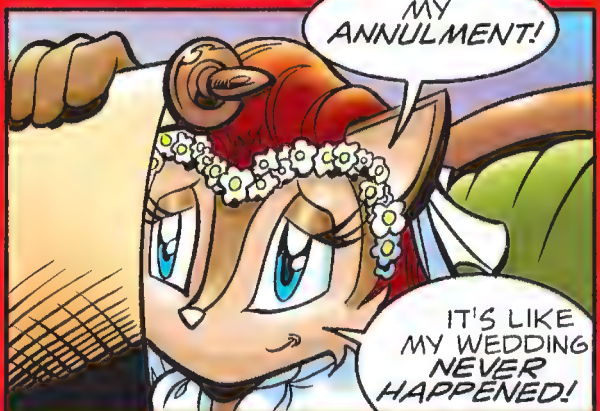


HERE YOU GO, SIS!

MY FIRST PROCLAMATION AS KING!



MY ANNULMENT!



IT'S LIKE MY WEDDING NEVER HAPPENED!

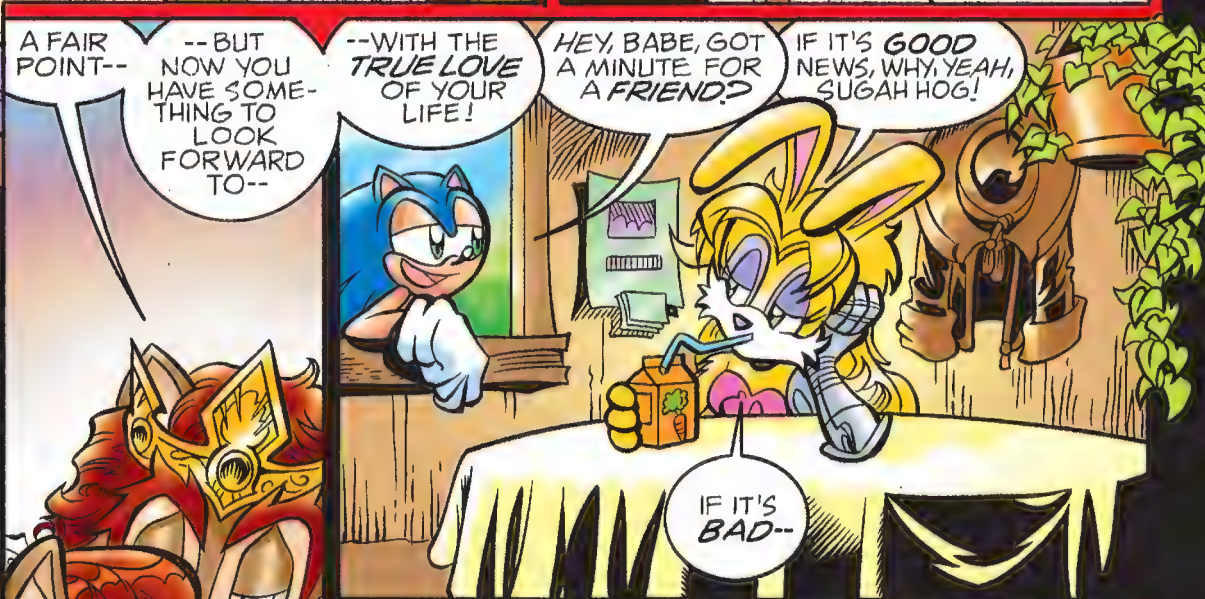
A FAIR POINT--

-- BUT NOW YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO--

-- WITH THE TRUE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE!

HEY, BABE, GOT A MINUTE FOR A FRIEND?

IF IT'S GOOD NEWS, WHY, YEAH, SUGAH HOG!



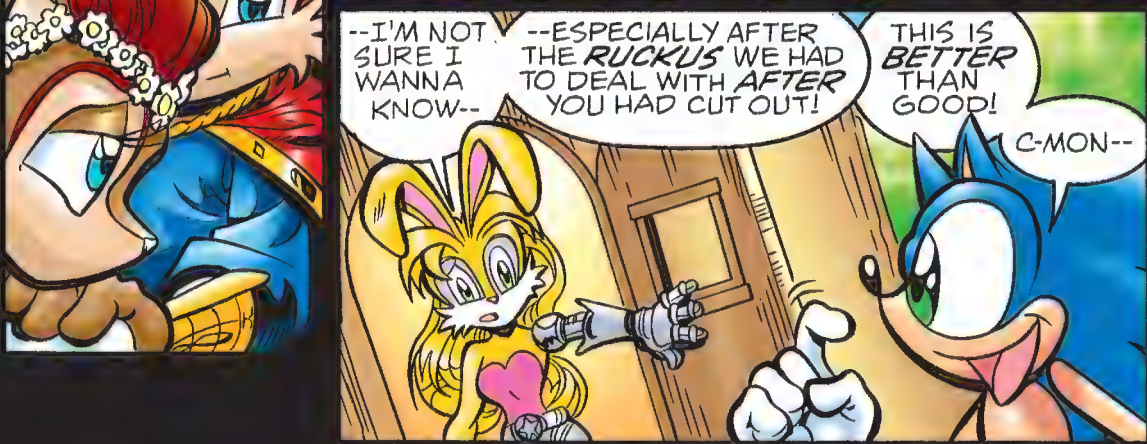
IF IT'S BAD--

-- I'M NOT SURE I WANNA KNOW--

-- ESPECIALLY AFTER THE RUCKUS WE HAD TO DEAL WITH AFTER YOU HAD CUT OUT!

THIS IS BETTER THAN GOOD!

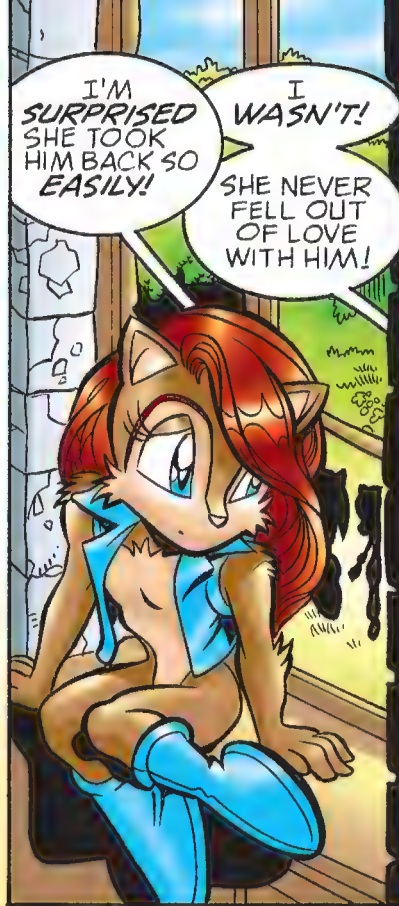
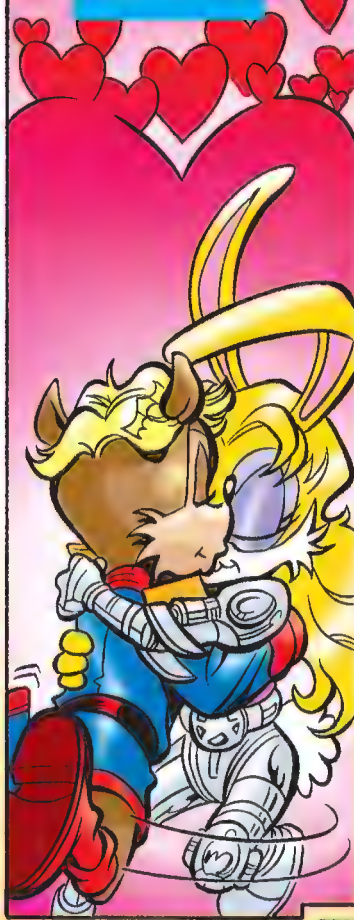
C-MON--







--AND MEET *SOMEONE* WHO'S BEEN *MISSING* YOU FOR A LONG TIME!



I'M *SURPRISED* SHE TOOK HIM BACK SO *EASILY!*

I *WASN'T!* SHE NEVER FELL OUT OF LOVE WITH HIM!



HOW CAN YOU SAY *THAT?*

I SAW HER PUTTING THE *MOVES* ON YOU NOT TOO LONG AGO!

OH, *THAT!*

SHE WAS JUST TRYING TO *PROVOKE* TWAN!

*RIIIIGHT!*



AND THAT'S *ALL* IT WAS?

PRETTY MUCH!

NOW THAT WE'VE SETTLED THAT, WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE *US?*



US?

WE'RE *YOUNG* AND THERE'S NO *RUSH!*

YEAH, I DO, DON'T I?

YOU REALLY KNOW HOW TO *SWEET* TALK A GIRL OFF HER FEET!

**Next:  
SHADOW IS  
BACK!**



# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

PRESENTS

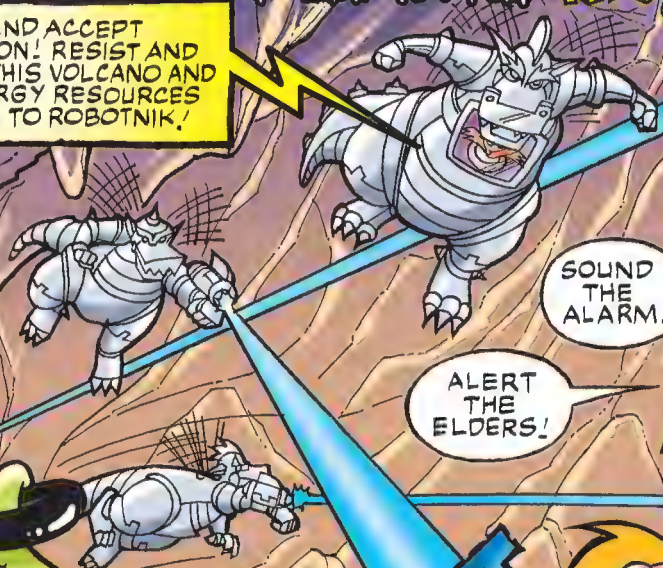
## DULCY THE DRAGON

## THE PRICE OF FLAME PART TWO



HEY, EVERYBODY--  
LAST ISSUE WE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT DULCY. WE ALSO LEARNED THAT PROTECTED UNDER THE PLANET BY DISTANCE AND ANCIENT MAGIC, ROBOTICIZED DRAGONS HAD SURVIVED! ROBOTNIK, HAS USED THE ROBIAN DRAGONS TO ATTACK THE LAST OF THE FREE DRAGONS LIVING INSIDE THE VOLCANO HOME OF THE SECRET CITY OF VESUVIUS!

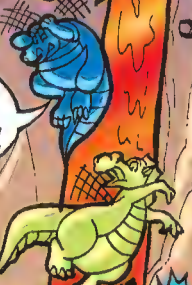
SURRENDER AND ACCEPT ROBOTICIZATION! RESIST AND YOU PERISH! THIS VOLCANO AND ITS VAST ENERGY RESOURCES NOW BELONG TO ROBOTNIK!



CHKOOM

SOUND THE ALARM!

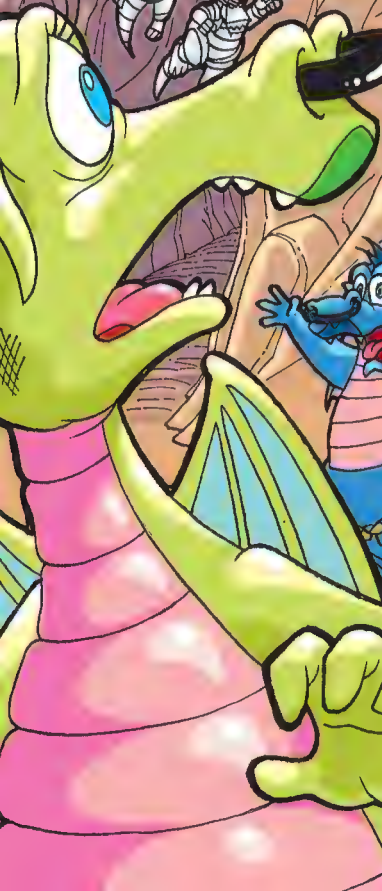
ALERT THE ELDERS!



PTUM  
TUM  
TUM

GET THE CHILDREN TO SAFETY!

ZERR



\*You saw it last issue. If not, go get one... We'll wait!--Mikeditor

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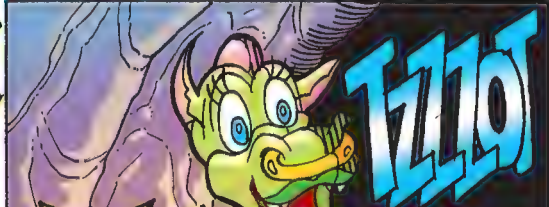


OOOHHH... I'M SORRY,  
Z-ZUH-ZAN... IT WAS  
MY FLUH-FAULT\*... UHHH--  
WHAT THE--?! THAT  
SUH-SOUND---

**THRRAK  
PYOW**



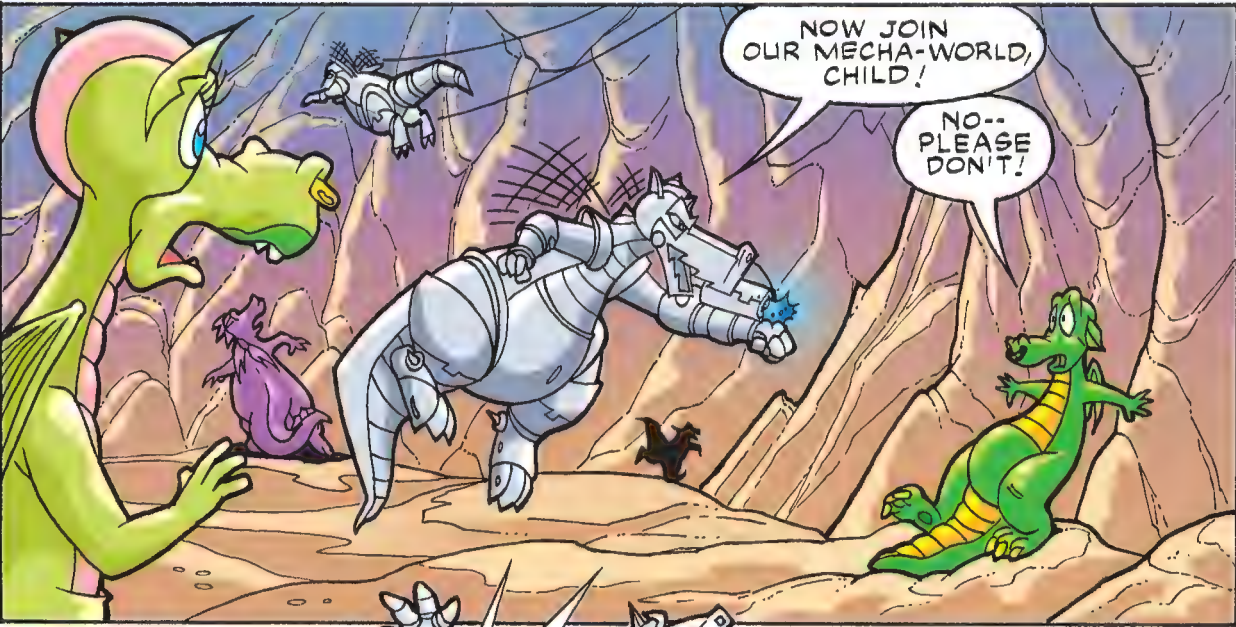
\*A reference to her abusive domestic partner as seen in STH #107. --MP



**AIEEEE!**

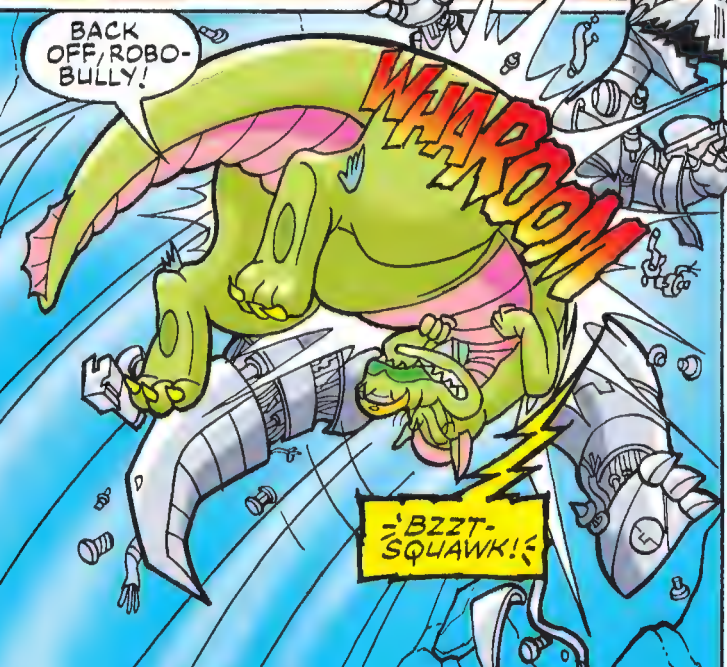
MY GOSH  
NOW I  
REMEMBER--  
MECHA-  
DRAGONS!  
VESUVIO'S  
BEING  
ATTACKED!

**EEEEEYAH!**



NOW JOIN  
OUR MECHA-WORLD,  
CHILD!

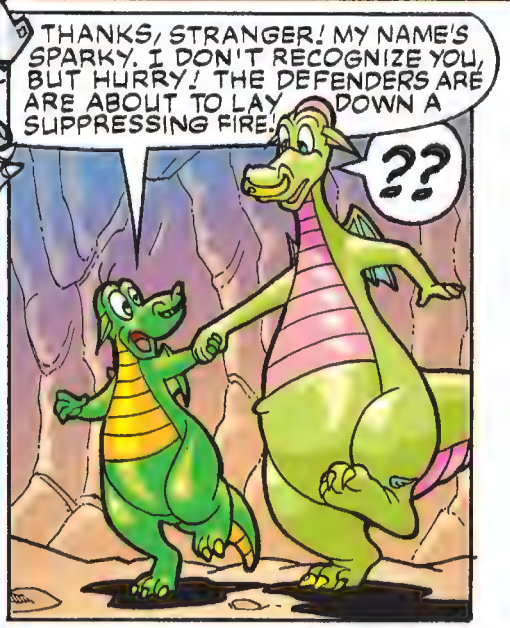
NO--  
PLEASE  
DON'T!



BACK  
OFF, ROBO-  
BULLY!

**WHAROOM**

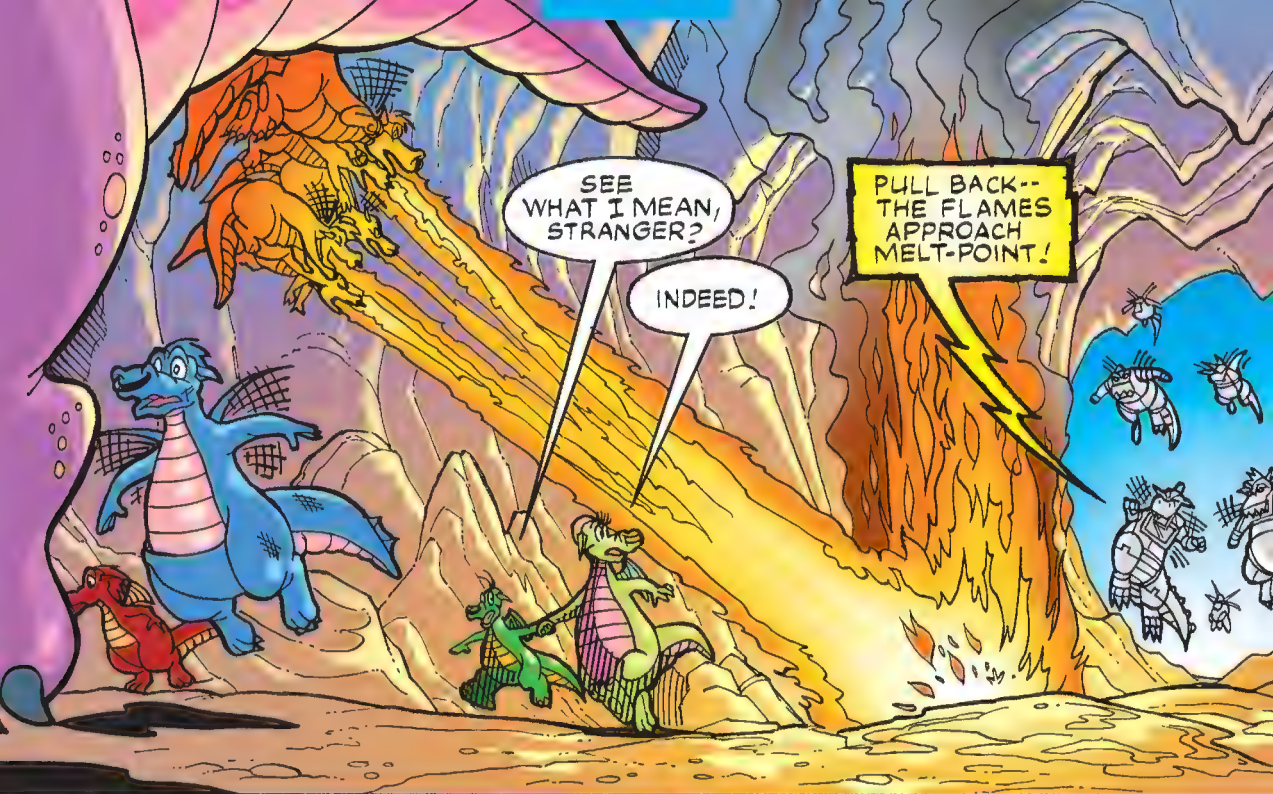
**-BZZT-  
SQUAWK!**



THANKS, STRANGER! MY NAME'S  
SPARKY. I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU,  
BUT HURRY! THE DEFENDERS ARE  
ABOUT TO LAY DOWN A  
SUPPRESSING FIRE!

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SEE WHAT I MEAN, STRANGER?

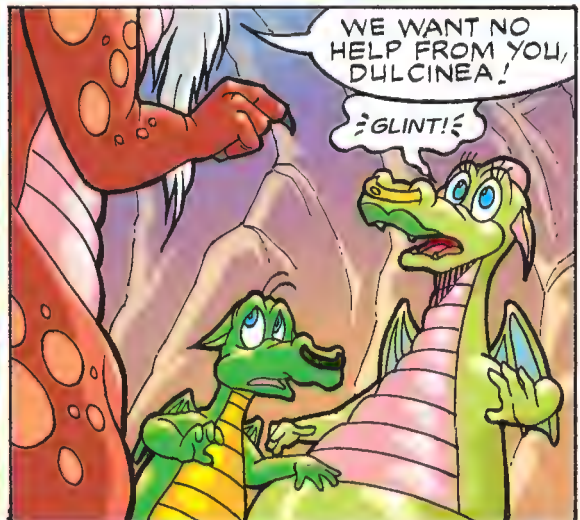
INDEED!

PULL BACK-- THE FLAMES APPROACH MELT-POINT!



THAT'S A PRETTY AWESOME DEFENSIVE STRATEGY!

YES, BUT THEY CAN'T KEEP IT UP FOREVER! WE NEED A BATTLE PLAN! CAN YOU HELP US STRANGER?



WE WANT NO HELP FROM YOU, DULCINEA!

GLINT!

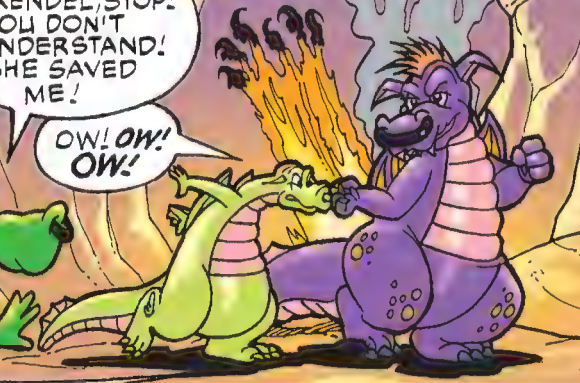


SILENCE, SPARKY! YOU RISK MUCH, EVEN IN THIS TIME OF CRISIS!

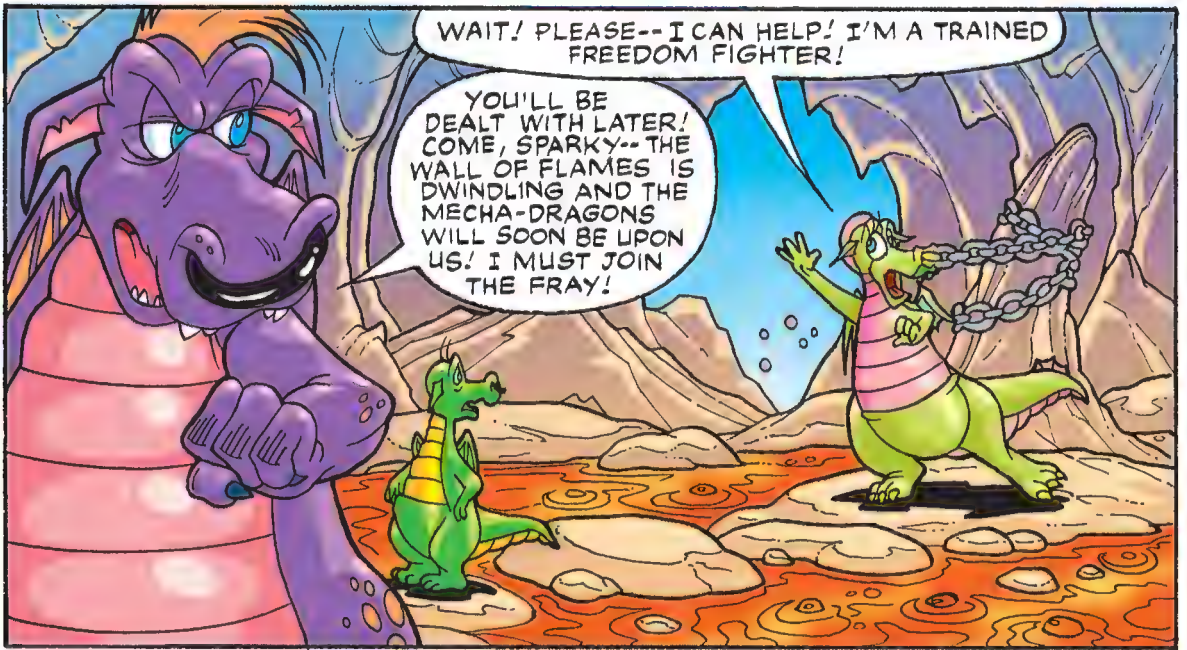
TRAITOROUS WENCH! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS INVASION OF UPPERWORLDERS! TAKE HER TO THE PILLORY AT ONCE!

NO! GRENDL, STOP! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! SHE SAVED ME!

OW! OW! OW!







WAIT! PLEASE-- I CAN HELP! I'M A TRAINED FREEDOM FIGHTER!

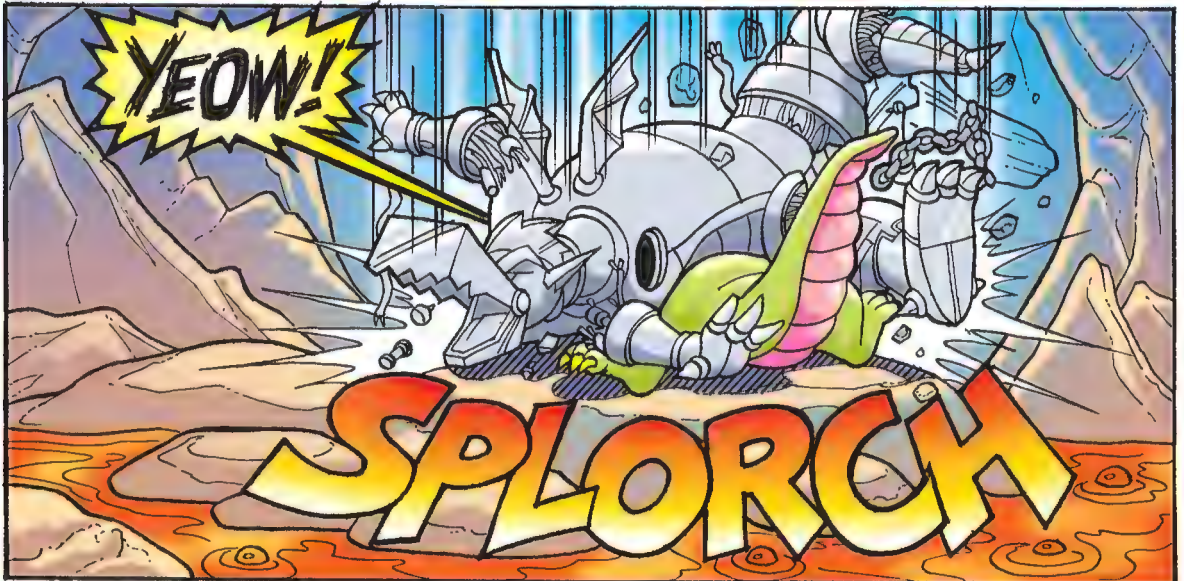
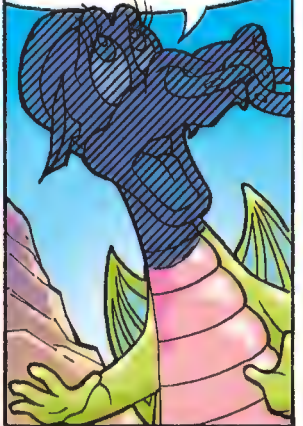
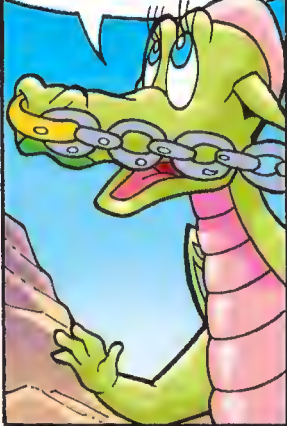
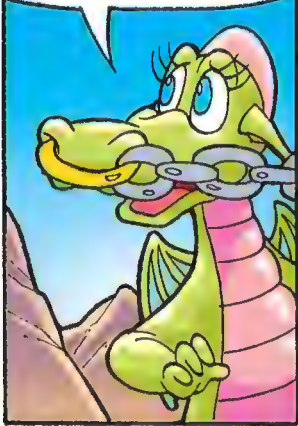
YOU'LL BE DEALT WITH LATER! COME, SPARKY-- THE WALL OF FLAMES IS DWINDLING AND THE MECHA-DRAGONS WILL SOON BE UPON US! I MUST JOIN THE FRAY!

HE'S RIGHT! THEY COULDN'T MAINTAIN THE FLAME WALL-- HERE COME THE MECHA-DRAGONS!

THE VESUVIANS ARE PUTTING UP A GOOD FIGHT, BUT LOTS OF THEM ARE GETTING ROBOTICIZED!

WHOA! THAT BIG BRUISER, GRENDEL, WHO CHAINED ME UP JUST WALLOPED A MECHA-DRAGON.

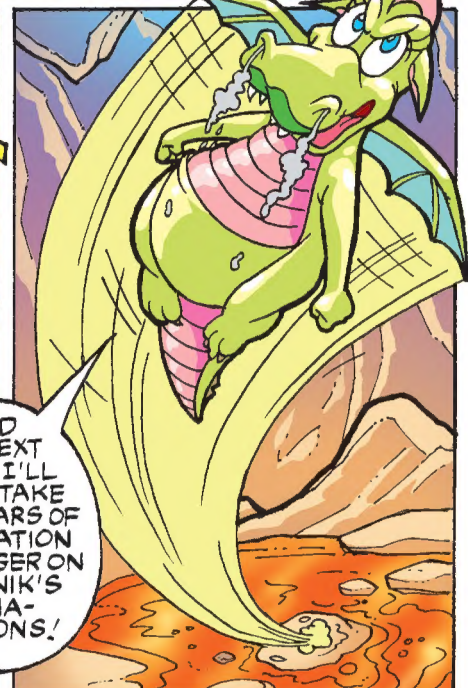
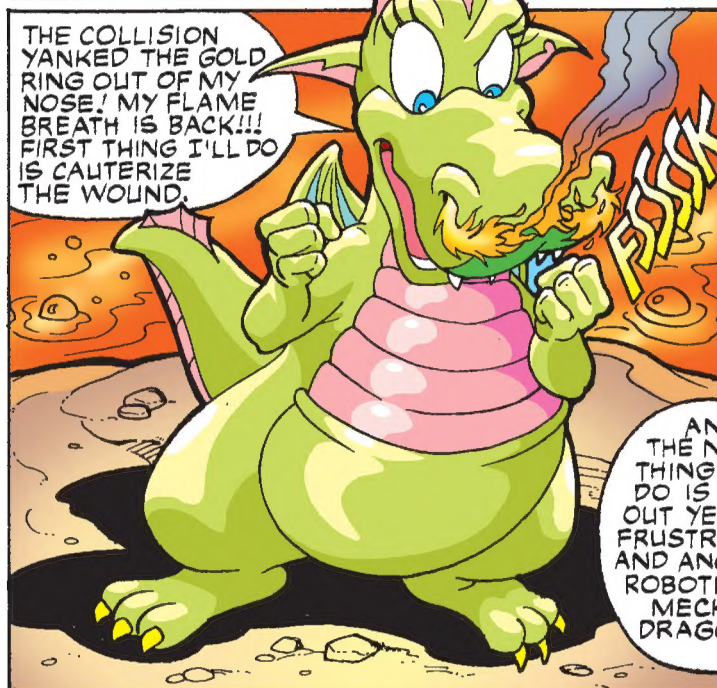
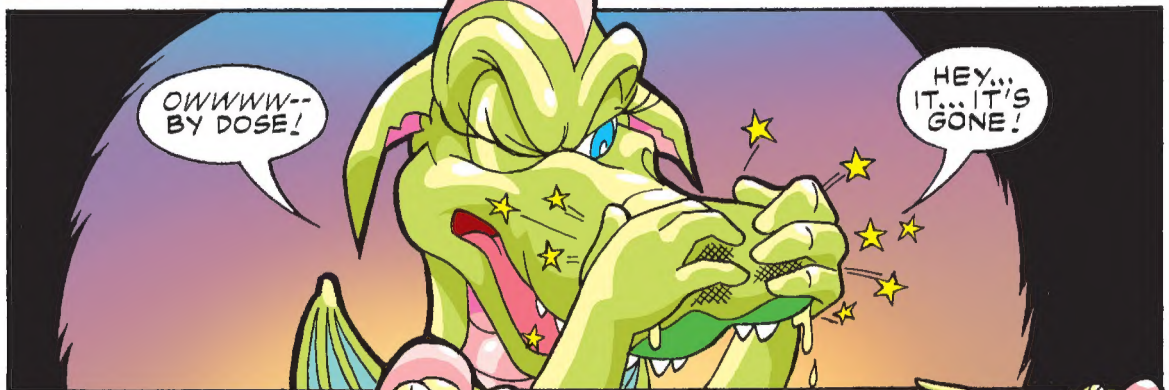
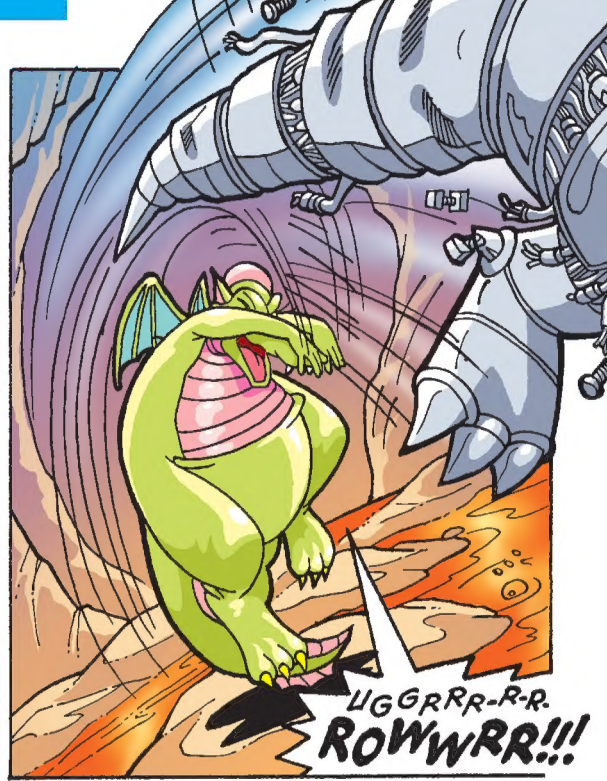
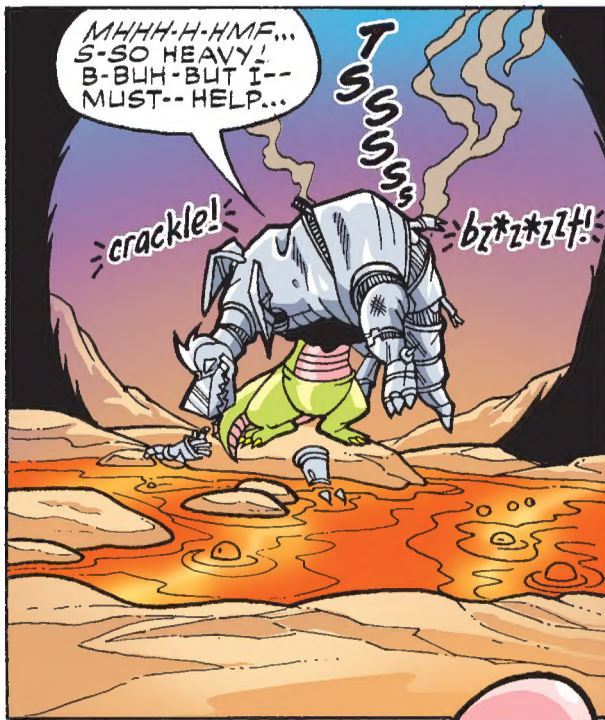
IT'S SPIRALING OUT OF THE SKY... IT'S GOING TO CRASH... Uh-Oh... IT'S HEADED RIGHT FOR ME!



YEOW!

SPLORCH









HANG ON, FELLOW VESUVIANS! THE CAVALRY IS COMING--AND HER NAME IS **DULCY!!!**

**SKAROOSH**



LOOK! THE STRANGER IS TURNING THE TIDE OF THE BATTLE!

INDEED! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR MYSELF SAY IT, BUT...



YOU GO, GIRL! SLAG 'EM ALL, **DULCINEA!!!**



YOU HEARD THE MAN--LET'S HAVE US A MELTDOWN!

**SSSKRAKLE**



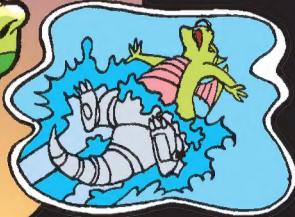
A SHORT TIME LATER...

LOOK, DULCY... THE MOLTEN REMAINS OF THE MECHA DRAGONS ARE STREAMING INTO LAVA LAKE. ALL OF VESUVIO THANKS YOU. WHY DO YOU SEEM SO SAD?

≡SNIFFLE≡  
IT'S JUST THAT...

**KSSSSHHH**

≡CHOKES≡ THOSE MECHA-DRAGONS WERE ALL ALIVE ONCE ≡SOBS≡ INCLUDING MY MOTHER. ≡HUCK≡ AND BY MELTING THEM, I RUINED ANY CHANCE THAT THEY MIGHT SOMEDAY RETURN!



AN UNDERSTANDABLE SENTIMENT, BUT FORTUNATELY UNFOUNDED... OBSERVE!

YOU SEE? A DRAGON'S SPIRIT IS ETERNAL. INSTEAD OF PASSING AWAY, IT RETURNS TO THE PRIMAL FIRE AND WILL BE REBORN IN AN UPCOMING GENERATION. YOUR MOTHER AND ALL THE OTHERS WILL BE BACK!

≡SOBS≡ TH-THAT'S W-WONDERFUL!



A SHORT TIME  
LATER...

DULCINEA, THE DECISION  
OF THE VESUVIO COUNCIL IS  
UNANIMOUS. SPARKY--STEP  
FORWARD!

A FULL PARDON IS  
GRANTED AND YOUR  
CITIZENSHIP IS  
RENEWED.

**SNAP**

MOREOVER,  
YOU SHALL BE  
OUR OFFICIAL  
"AMBASSADOR"  
TO THE UPPER-  
WORLD WHERE  
WE HOPE TO  
SOMEDAY  
RETURN.

MOST  
IMPORTANT OF  
ALL, YOUR BLACK  
RING IS  
HEREBY RESTORED.  
CARRY THE FLAME  
PROUDLY.

THANK  
YOU--  
I  
SHALL!

**THE END**

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